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GENERAL MANAGERS OFFICE,

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Toronto.

January 29th, 1920.

Sir Robert Falconer,
President,
Toronto University,
Toronto.

My dear Sir Robert:

As you may have heard before this, the Imperial Press Conference will be held in Canada during the summer of 1920.

The delegates at this Conference will be composed of about one hundred of the leading journalists from the British Isles, Australia, New Zealand, etc., and are coming to Canada at the invitation of the Dominion Government and the Canadian Press.

The delegation will arrive at Halifax and will be taken to Victoria and back again, stopping at the different places of interest en route, and will probably arrive in Toronto some time during the latter part of August.

It is most desirable that these leading journalists of the Empire be given every opportunity to come in personal contact with our foremost citizens, that they know what our industries are doing, and that they become familiar with the great natural resources of this country.

With this in view, the Daily Newspaper publishers of Toronto held a meeting a few days ago for the purpose of forming a Committee to lay out plans for the Conference while in Toronto, and I was requested to ask you to allow your name to be placed on this Committee.

As it is most important that the Committee be a representative one, I trust you will let me have a favorable reply at an early date.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter signed by many of the Cabinet Ministers and others, which may interest you.

Yours very truly,

Douglas

Secretary of the Meeting.

Going to Ottawa and not answer before. Glad to act on Committee & hope to be able to attend. R.F.

[enclosure not found]

February 6th, 1920

J. S. Douglas, Esq.,
Mail Printing Company,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Douglas:

I have been ill with a cold and have not answered your letter on that account. I shall be glad to act on the Committee to lay plans for the Conference and I hope also to be able to attend the Conference.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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CANADA, 1920

Toronto, May 1st, *1920.*

Sir Robt. Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto.

Dear Sir:-

I have just received a preliminary list of those who will attend the Imperial Press Conference this summer.

As this will be of interest to you, I am enclosing a copy herewith.

Yours truly,

C. J. Douglas.

Secretary.

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FAMOUS EDITORS AT CONFERENCE OF IMPERIAL PRESS

Distinguished Visitors to Canada Next Summer

PRELIMINARY LIST

Sixty Great Publishers from Britain and Forty from Overseas

MONTREAL, April ——Mr. C. F. Crandall, honorary secretary of the executive committee of the Canadian Press Association, has received a preliminary list of the delegates who will attend the Imperial Press Conference in Canada this summer. The delegation when completed will comprise sixty from the British Isles and forty from the overseas dominions. The preliminary list gives the names of thirty-one from Great Britain and twenty-one from the dominions who have already signified their intention to attend.

The main body of visitors, including representatives from overseas, will sail from England on the Victorian and arrive at Halifax on July 25. Seven of the Australian delegates are, however, coming via Vancouver. The conference will be held in Ottawa on August 5, 6 and 7, and the delegates will tour Canada from coast to coast in two special trains, the tour ending at Quebec about September 15.

A partial list of those coming follows:

From London: Viscount Burnham and Lady Burnham, Viscount Northcliffe, Lord Riddell of Walton Heath, Sir Roderick Jones, K.B.E., managing director of Reuter's; Lord Apsley, The Morning Post; Sir Emsley Carr, News of the World, Western Mail, etc., and Lady Carr; Sir Frank Newnes and Lady Newnes, Sir Harry Brittain, K.B.E., M.P., chairman, Empire Press Union Conference Committee; Mr. R. D. Blumenfeld, editor, Daily Express; Dr. Ellis T. Powell, editor, Financial News, and Mrs. Powell; Mr. A. H. Watson, Westminster Gazette; Miss M. F. Billington, Society of Women Journalists; Sir Campbell Stuart, Mr. F. Crosbie Roles, honorary secretary, Empire Press Union; Mr. H. E. Turner, secretary, Empire Press Union.

From Great Britain outside of London: Mr. Robert Donald, chairman, Empire Press Union, representing The Globe, Yorkshire Observer and other papers; Sir George Toulmin, proprietor, Lancashire Daily Post, and chairman of the Press Association; Sir Charles Starmer, Northern Echo, Darlington, and other papers; Mr. Morrell, chairman of directors of Sir Charles Starmer's newspapers, and Mrs. Morrell; Mr. C. D. Leng, proprietor, Sheffield Daily Telegraph; Mr. J. D. Graham, proprietor, Express and Star, Wolverhampton; Mr. F. M. Ratcliffe, chairman, Liverpool Courier; Sir Robert Bruce, editor, Glasgow Herald; Mr. W. Maxwell, editor, Aberdeen Daily Journal; Lieut.-Col. Ed. W. Watt, part proprietor, Aberdeen Free Press; Mr. J. C. Glendinning, proprietor, Derry Standard; Mr. James Henderson, assistant editor, Belfast News-Letter; Mr. Valentine Knapp, president, The Newspaper Society, and proprietor, The Surrey Comet; Mr. Alfred Sprigg, vice-president, The Newspaper Society and managing director, Leicester Mail; Mr. J. T. Clayton, president, Yorkshire Newspaper Society and proprietor, Craven Herald; Mr. P. J. Hopper, editor, Freeman's Journal, Dublin.

From Australia: Mr. Hugh R. Denison, chairman of directors, Sydney Sun; Mr. D. Braham, editor, Sydney Daily Telegraph; Sir Thomas Hughes, part proprietor, Sydney Evening News; Mr. J. O. Fairfax, chairman, Australian Section of Empire Press Union and part proprietor Sydney Morning Herald; Hon. Theodore Fink, chairman of directors, Melbourne Herald; Mr. Geoffrey Syme, proprietor, Melbourne Age; Sir John Langdon Bonython, K.C.M.G., proprietor and editor, Adelaide Advertiser; Mr. A. Langler, editor, West Australian; Hon. J. W. Kirwan, M. L.C., editor and part proprietor, Kalgoorlie Miner; Mr. J. J. Knight, editor and managing director, Brisbane Courier; Mr. Norman White, editor, Brisbane Daily Mail; Hon. G. Varley, representing Country Press Association, New South Wales and Grafton Examiner.

From South Africa: Mr. P. Davis, part proprietor, Natal Witness; Mr. D. M. Ollemans, managing director, Bloemfontein Friend and associated papers; Mr. N. Levi, Pretoria De Volkstem.

From Ceylon: Mr. Thomas Jones, editor, Times of Ceylon.

From Egypt: Mr. R. Snelling, chief proprietor and editor, Egyptian Gazette, Alexandria.

From West Indies: Mr. H. G. Delisser, editor, Daily Gleaner, Kingston, Jamaica.

From Straits Settlements: Mr. Walter Makepeace, editor, Singapore Free Press.

From the Far East: Mr. H. A. Cartwright, editor, Hong Kong Daily Press.

From. Indian Owned. Press: Mr. Chintamani, Leader, Allahabad.

No representatives of New Zealand, Anglo-Indian Press, and Newfoundland have yet been named.

May 3rd, 1920

J. S. Douglas, Esq.,
"Mail and Empire",
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Douglas:

Many thanks for the list you have sent me of those who will attend the Imperial Press Conference this summer. I hope to be able to be in Toronto while these gentlemen are here.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.